

## **News Advisory**

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## West Valley City Police Supports DEA National Prescription Take-Back Day

WHAT: DEA National Prescription Take-Back Day

WHEN: September 25

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE: Valley Fair Mall Customer Service Desk (3601 South 2700 West)

Wal-Mart (5675 West 6200 South)

WHO: Everyone is invited to participate

WHY: The West Valley City Police Department is encouraging the public to participate in the

first-ever nationwide DEA National Prescription Take-Back Day where residents can drop off their unused, unneeded and expired prescription medications anonymously and for free. Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to

accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse.

West Valley City will have two drop off locations to support the DEA National Prescription Take-Back Day, one at Valley Fair Mall (3601 South 2700 West) and the other at Wal-Mart (5675 West 6200 South). Tablets, capsules and all other solid dosage forms will be collected. Intravenous solutions, injectibles and syringes will not be

accepted.

According to the 2008 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), the non-medical use of prescription drugs ranks second only to marijuana as the most prevalent category of drug abuse in the United States. Also, the 2008 NSDUH notes that more Americans currently abuse prescription drugs than the number of those abusing cocaine, hallucinogens and heroin combined.

For more information and additional locations please call 2-1-1 or visit www.dea.gov.